

Middletown Public Schools -Board of Education

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on January 20, 2016 at the Board of Education, Conference Room "A"

Called to Order at 5:36 PM

Members present:

Vincent Loffredo, Dr. Patricia Charles, Edgar Cintron, Marco Gaylord, Cheryl McClellan, David Bauer, Franca Biales, Jim D'Antonio and Chairperson Deborah Cain was in attendance via the phone.

Absent members were Marco Gaylord, Steve Kovach, Ed McKeon and Thomas Serra

I. Middletown High School Fuel Cell & Wall

There are no new updates at this time in regards to the fuel cell. Edgar Cintron stated that Marco Gaylord would have a full report on this next month. The fuel cell is in its ninth year and at the end of its life and is very costly to repair and parts are difficult to find. The New York Port Authority told Edgar Cintron that they may have some parts available to the public. The options that can be considered are:

- The fuel cell can be replaced
- The fuel cell can be repaired or
- There is an idea of using a third party who would install a 400 kilowatt unit

Vinnie Loffredo stated that we could lose \$125K of credit and it could cost us nothing when it was installed. Senator Doyle, John Hall along with the City Advisor are exploring some options if we do not go forward with the fuel cell and Mr. Loffredo will Follow up. If it is decommissioned, there is a fee of \$75K but there would also be a \$46K deduction in the gas bill. The first year would be in the negative but the second and third years would be an increase.

As far as the Middletown High School wall was concerned, Dr. Patricia Charles brought up the fact that the City would split the cost 50/50.

II. Reports on Vendors and Contracts

Edgar Cintron has added more vendors which are more on the suppliers side (a handout was given out to members). He explained about the status with Cintas and perhaps purchasing the mats instead of renting them.

III. Middle School Building Committee Membership Recommendations

Dr. Patricia Charles has spoken to John Philips who is a facilities person in West Hartford and a parent who works for the State as a civil engineer who have expressed interest on becoming members on the Building Committee but first must submit a letter to Mayor.

IV. Information on School System Fuel/Energy Contracts

At the present time we are paying \$1.85 a gallon for oil but are going to try to get it down to \$1.50 per gallon.

V. Macdonough School Basketball Courts

There will be a joint project with the Board of Ed and the City in regards to the basketball court issue at the Macdonough School. (3 layouts and a photo of the hot top were passed out to members).

Dr. Patricia Charles disagreed with Layout "A" and Layout "B" could possibly be over the hopscotch area but Layout "C" would give 15 additional parking spaces. The asphalt is in very bad shape and in the rear is officially called "Donovan Park". When the school is in session the school is in charge of this area otherwise the Park & Recreation department is.

People continue to park on the grass and over the curb and there is going to be about twenty (20) new apartment units being developed on Stack Street which will also affect the parking situation in that area. David Bauer asked for an ordinance that would have a school budget impact with the new housing. All agreed Layout "C" would be best.

The next meetings dates are as follows and will be at the Board of Ed and start at 5:30 unless otherwise stated. Meetings starting in May or June may be rotating at schools.

03/16/16; 04/20/16; 05/18/16; 06/15/16; no meetings in July and August;
09/21/16; 10/19/16; 11/16/16, 12/21/16 and 01/18/17

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Minutes recorded by Leslie A. Spatola,

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